

New Introduction to Parkes, Field & Raskin  
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Metaphysical commitments: Volume presupposes  
about the physical world that he takes  
the physical theory.

we are here regarding theory as formalism +  
interpretation.

Also we are assuming realism: 10. <sup>interpretation</sup> states  
if a theory is true or false in virtue of  
whether the properties they assert correspond  
to states of affairs in an objective  
external world, which exists independently  
of the observer, perhaps a questioning  
of Raskin's ~~mind~~ being (mind).

Usual situation is one of interpretation underdetermination.

10. a given formalism is consistent with  
various metaphysical packages, but  
there may nevertheless be empirical grounds  
for preferring one of these packages.

[Context structural underdetermination where  
different formalisms are consistent with empirical data  
e.g. is time continuous or dense]

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But note some metaphysics perhaps  
may be robbed out

eg. Determinism + h.v. + Locality + OTM

It is the sup in which we may  
be said to be empiricist  
metaphysics.

Content of metaphysics as  
unfalsifiable beyond empirical,  
non-contradictory, coherent and  
necessary truth - (I should add  
abandon of certain features of our  
empirical denial of metaphysics according  
to Kant) - It is the affirmation  
of Rationalist metaphysics.